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May 2, 2006

Prentiss F. Williams, Project Manager
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Williams:

We are writing this letter to you in support of the Multi-Year Access to Trails Project funding proposal in the amount of \$75,000 developed by Accessible San Diego. This project will complement the County's Trails Program adopted by the Board of Supervisors in January 2005 which provides that "Accessibility awareness" will be incorporate into trail development and whenever possible, trail access and design will provide for a range of user capabilities.

Trail opportunities in San Diego County are varied and showcase the diverse scenery of the many parks, open spaces, cultural resources, and wilderness areas. Our region is graced with nearly ideal weather for trail activities on most days of the year. County residents have access to a wide variety of trail opportunities from coastal boardwalks, to nature trails in city and county parks, to secluded trails up high mountain peaks and through remote desert lands.

When integrated with features such as historic sites, commercial or residential areas, and parks, trails can improve the overall character of a community or the region. They provide community residents the opportunity to enjoy the diverse environments and the natural beauty of our County. Although not all trails can be fully accessible to those with disabilities, this project will enable the County to identify the trails that provide are most beneficial to users with disabilities.

Thank you for your consideration of the foregoing. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Trish Boaz, Chief of Resource Management at (858) 694-3970.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Renée E. Bahl".

RENÉE E. BAHL
Director

cc: Trish Boaz, Chief of Resource Management





DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
Silver Strand State Beach
5000 Hwy. 75
Coronado, CA 92118

Ruth Coleman, *Director*

December 1, 2005

Wes Johnson
Accessible San Diego

Dear Wes:

I am writing you this letter to inform you that the lifeguards at Silver Strand State Beach would like to participate in Accessible San Diego's power wheel chair program. Last year over 350,000 visitors recreated at Silver Strand State Beach. Among those visitors were a number of people with various physical disabilities. We were able to help many of them by providing manual beach wheelchairs. We currently have two chairs to help those who request them. There were others, though, who would have been better served with a power wheelchair. If your organization were able to help us by providing at least one power wheelchair, the lifeguards at Silver Strand would be able to assist more of the visitors who come to enjoy our park.

As we discussed in our meeting on November 29, 2005, we have the facility to store the chair and if possible we could store two chairs. We also have the capability to charge the chair's electric battery. With proper training, my staff at Silver Strand is willing to perform the necessary and routine maintenance to keep the chair(s) in top running order. We look forward to being one of southern California's pilot programs, and the staff and I are happy for the opportunity to serve our visitors and work with your group.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Martino

Michael T. Martino
Lifeguard Supervisor
Silver Strand State Beach

From: wes johnson [asd2@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2005 3:20 PM
To: Prentiss Williams
Cc: Nikki ASD
Subject: Beach Access Letters Oceanside Coronado Silver Strand 01207asd.htm

Attachments: Silver Strand Support Letter.doc

Greetings Prentiss Williams,

Thank you for traveling all the way to San Diego to break bread and talk about the Beach Access Program. The Coastal Conservancy's consideration of funding a multi-year Beach Access Program to upgrade beaches for use by all persons including those with disabilities is greatly appreciated.

This email includes two letters of interest from Coronado and Oceanside and a third letter of interest from the Silver Strand State Beach is the attachment.

This project is going to be a great win, win for all and the largest winners will be the 5 million persons with disabilities who live in California. I look forward to working with you on this great project and hearing from you soon. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely, Wes Johnson President Accessible San Diego (asd2@sbcglobal.net)

Coronado Letter

To: Wes Johnson President Accessible San Diego

Date: August 4, 2005

Subject: Coronado Power Beach Chair Program

The City of Coronado has 1.7 miles of coastal beaches and a large population of seniors, retirees, and persons with disabilities. It is our interest to work with Accessible San Diego to establish a Beach Access Program that includes: Power Beach Wheelchairs (3), expanding our tower to provide storage and office space, a walkway and ramp to provide access to the beach and lifeguard tower, more accessible public restrooms and a text telephone to provide communication for those with hearing disabilities.

The City of Coronado will be responsible to operate and maintain the equipment for the program and participate in a training program provided by Accessible San Diego. We look forward to working with you and hope that this Beach Access Program can be implemented as soon as we move into our new facilities currently being planned.

Sincerely,

Sean J. Carey
Lifeguard Captain

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Oceanside Letter

Ray Duncan <***RDuncan@ci.oceanside.ca.us***> wrote:

Wes, The City of Oceanside has three Surf Chairs which we utilize almost daily. We have had them in service for some time, however often the users are unable to push the occupant across the sand. We would be delighted for the opportunity to be considered to receive Power Beach Wheelchairs for our beaches. We have a garage area to store them in and would be able to maintain them for safe use. Should you need more information, please do not hesitate to call me.

Ray Duncan
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